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PUBLIC NOTICE SAEXPLORATION OFFSHORE PLAN OF OPERATIONS COLVILLE DELTA 3D SEISMIC SURVEY

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), has received a miscellaneous land use permit application for the Colville Delta 3D Seismic Survey (MLUP 13-003) from SAExploration, Inc. (SAE, Suzan Simonds, 8240 Sandlewood Place, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99507, 907-522-4499). DO&G is providing public notice and an opportunity to comment under 38.05.035(e)(1)(C)(ii).

Location. The project is proposed to span approximately 463 square miles of the Beaufort Sea, including approximately 25 square miles of the shoreline from the Nechelik Channel to the Oliktok Point dock. Specifically, the project area will include all of U013N004E, U013N005E, U013N006E, U013N007E, U013N008E, and portions of U014N009E, U013N009E, U012N009E, U012N006E, U012N005E, and U012N004E.

Scope. SAE proposes to conduct a three dimensional (3D) ocean bottom seismic survey in the Colville River Delta area of the Beaufort Sea during the 2013 open water season. The survey will be conducted over approximately 60 days to allow for mobilization, land and marine layout activities, marine data acquisition, and demobilization of equipment and crews. Project operations will occur in both state and federal shallow waters, and the land transition zone may include BLM, state, and native lands, including portions of the Oooguruk, Nikautchuq, and Kuparuk River oil and gas production units. The application meets all of the requirements of 11 AAC 96.030.

The application package is available for review at the Division of Oil and Gas, Permitting Section, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, or online at http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm#permittingnotices.

Please send your comments to <u>dog.permitting@alaska.gov</u>, or by mail to the above address. Only persons who comment in writing during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal or to request reconsideration of the final decision (11 AAC 02.010). A copy of the final decision will be sent to any person who provides written comments.

The deadline for comments is 4:30 p.m. Alaska Time on July 8, 2013

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